



THE CITY OF

RIVERDALE

Georgia



2009

*Events & Programs
Guide*

Events

Riverdale Players Present...

March 2009

The Riverdale Players present a night of Community Theater. Enjoy a featured theatrical performance along with uplifting performances by local performing artist(s). Location: To be announced

*[**This program is supported in part by the Grassroots Arts Program of the Georgia Council for the Arts through appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly and in partnership with Arts Clayton. (see back page)]*

Georgia Cities Week - "A Story To Tell"

April 19 - 25th

Georgia Cities Week gives cities an opportunity to share with their citizens information about the valuable services cities provide to residents. From clean ups, to coloring contests, to festivals and open houses, this is a great chance to show off the city. Location: City Hall

Movies in the Park

Saturday, May 9th

Enjoy a FREE night of friendly cinema on a gigantic movie screen with all your family and friends.

Location: Riverdale Middle School

Movies in the Park

Saturday, June 13th

Enjoy a FREE night of friendly cinema on a gigantic movie screen with all your family and friends.

Location: Riverdale Middle School

Summer Concert Series, Terrific Thursday!

Thursday, June 11th

Riverdale, Are you ready? This great night of music is sure to bring you to your feet with old and new school song renditions for all generations to enjoy in an open air setting. Location: Grounds of City Hall

Summer Concert Series & Birthday Bash

Saturday, July 11th

Happy Birthday Riverdale! Come celebration 101 years of community service with live music, dancing, great food and a unique merchant's market in a festival atmosphere. Location: Grounds of City Hall

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Location: Riverdale Middle School

Summer Concert Series, Terrific Thursday

Thursday, August 13th

It's your last opportunity to join us for the ultimate musical experience of the summer. Live music, great eats and plenty of dancing - ALL OUTSIDE - just for you! Location: Grounds of City Hall

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 17th

Each year the Riverdale Fall Festival gets bigger and better. As we continue the tradition of offering great games, rides, food and merchandise, this year we'll add a special feature that is sure to excite all festival goers! STAY TUNED...

Location: To be announced

Veteran's Day Celebration,

Wednesday, November 11th

This celebration honors the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces to defend and protect our freedom. Location: To be announced

Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 5th

Come sip hot chocolate and listen to yuletide carols as Riverdale illuminates its official tree. There will be special live performances by local choirs and performing artists. Don't miss a special visit from Santa. Location: Grounds of City Hall

January 2009

Learn not to Burn - (January – May 2009)

This is an educational program focused on teaching and instructing children ages 4 to 6 on early childhood fire prevention and life safety. The program last 6 weeks and is taught at Church Street and Riverdale Elementary Schools throughout the school year.

Community Emergency Response Team - (January – May 2009)

This is an emergency response team that is coordinated with Riverdale High School to teach students what to do and how to respond during a disaster. Students are taught various aspects of public safety management. As a result, students have the skills and knowledge to assist emergency responders.

March 2009

Riverdale Neighborhood University – (March 2009)

RNU is dedicated to providing the highest quality training to citizens of Riverdale to foster a sense of commitment, pride and excellence. Instruction will be provided in topics designed to engage, inform and equip citizens with the training and technical assistance needed to increase their capacity to become better advocates for their communities. All Neighborhood University courses are free. Courses will be offered on Wednesdays starting in March for five weeks from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Citizen's Public Safety Academy – (March 5, 2009 – May 7, 2009; every Thursday)

A ten (10) week training session that provides insight into the workings of the Riverdale Police and Fire Departments. Classes include: Gang and Drug Awareness, First Aid and CPR, Crime and Fire Prevention.

May 2009

Domestic Violence Symposium – (May 16, 2009)

This program is to raise awareness and educate citizens about domestic violence. There will be a variety of sessions covering all areas related to domestic violence. This symposium will benefit you whether you have been directly connected with an act of domestic violence or merely want to be more educated and aware of this pervasive issue.

June 2009

Summer Youth Employment Program – (Session I - June '09; Session II - July '09)

The mission of the Summer Youth Employment Program is to provide young people ages 14 to 16 with job opportunities that build positive work experience and fosters development of Riverdale's future workforce.

July 2009

CORY Program – (July 2, 2009 – July 30, 2009; every Tuesday and Thursday)

Knowledge is power. The CORY program represents a collaborative effort among youth, parents, law enforcement, fire services and other community members dedicated to making a difference for the Riverdale youth. Through a unique blend of community building, youth empowerment, awareness and prevention training, members of CORY will leave the program with an abundance of knowledge and strategies to better the community. Sessions will consist of training, exercise, community service work, developing a project and visiting various educational centers.

August 2009

National Night Out – (August 4, 2009)

National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the City of Riverdale's Police Department.

National Night Out is designed to:

1. Heighten awareness as it pertains to crime, quality of life and drugs
2. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
3. Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Activities include:

1. Block parties
2. Cookouts
3. Rallies

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September 2009

Health Occupation Safety Association - (September – May 2010)

This is a program organized by Riverdale High School to train students within health occupations. The Riverdale Fire Department assists with medical skills and management. Students compete in annual competitions on a state and national level.

Citizen's Public Safety Academy – (September 3, 2009 – November 5, 2009; every Thursday)

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Recovery Month – (September 2009)

Recovery Month aims to promote the local benefits of alcohol and drug use disorder treatment, praise the contributions of local treatment providers and promote the message that recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders in all its forms is possible.

October 2009

Junior Fire Marshal Program - (October 2009 – May 2010)

Junior Fire Marshals are 5th graders from the City of Riverdale who are taught Life Safety Skills from the Risk Watch program sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association. Junior Fire Marshals also participate in community events and conduct volunteer work within the community. This program allows students to build leadership and communication skills. Students, with supervision, also teach classmates important skills they learn in the program.

Fire Prevention Month – (October 2009)

October has been designated as National Fire Prevention Month -- a time when public service departments, like Riverdale Fire Services, across America join forces to spread the word about fire safety through educational programs and initiatives.

Smoke Detector Campaign – (October 2009)

In an effort to ensure every home in Riverdale is fitted with working smoke detectors, Riverdale Fire Services offers residents free smoke detectors.

Crime Prevention Month – (October 2009)

October has become the official month for recognizing and celebrating the practice of crime prevention, while promoting awareness of important issues such as victimization, volunteerism, and creating safer, more caring communities. The month-long celebration spotlights successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state, and national levels.

Domestic Violence Month – (October 2009)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The City of Riverdale highlights this month as an opportunity to educate the public on the issue of domestic violence and available resources.

December 2009

Christmas with a Cop – (December 2009)

The Christmas with a Cop holiday project brings together Riverdale families that have fallen on difficult times or have suffered traumatic crime or fire related incidents. In conjunction with the community, police and fire services will provide a day filled with holiday cheer.

This guide is subject to change.

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